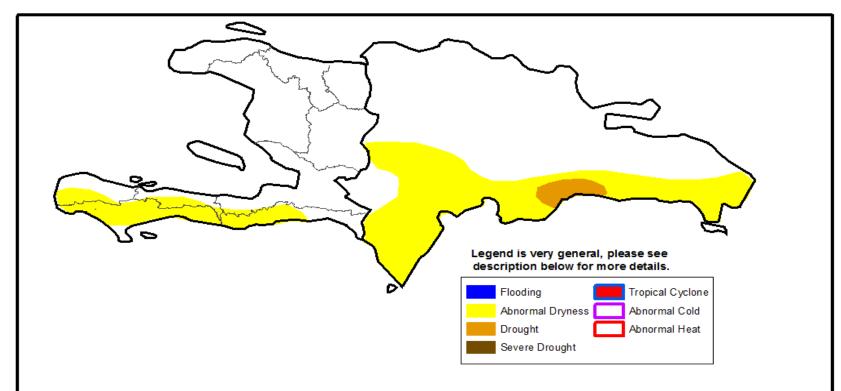


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook August 7 – August 13, 2014

Below-average rains observed over Hispaniola during the past week.



During the past week, the passage of Tropical Storm "Bertha" brought increased amounts of rainfall across eastern Hispaniola. According to both local gauge and satellite estimates, moderate to locally heavy rains (>50mm) were received in the eastern departments of the Dominican Republic. The impacts from the Tropical Storm have reportedly included localized flooding, the displacement of dozens of families, and elevated river levels. Despite the increase in rainfall and moisture in the last week, seasonal rainfall deficits ranging between 100 to 300 mm since May still remain throughout much of Hispaniola. Over the same period, the southern parts and eastern third of the Island have experienced 25-50 percent of their average rainfall. For next week, rainfall forecasts suggest continued moderate to locally heavy rains over Hispaniola, with the potential for the highest rainfall accumulations over southern Haiti and western Dominican Republic. These rains forecast are expected to help alleviate many anomalously dry areas.